

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment places the application in condition for allowance and is therefore appropriate under Rule 116.

By the present amendment, claims 5, 7, 9, and 10 are canceled, claims 12-13 are added, and claims 1, 8, and 11 are amended.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and Action to that end is respectfully requested.

Claim 1, as amended, corresponds in scope to claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Claims 12-13 correspond in scope, respectively, to claims 9-10 rewritten in independent form. Claims 7, 9, and 10, together with claims 8 and 11 dependent on claim 7, were indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, and claims 12-13, which are claims 7, 9, and 10 so rewritten, together with claims 8 and 11, now dependent on claim 1, are in condition for allowance.


It is further respectfully submitted that claims 2-4 and 6, which are dependent on claim 1, are also allowable as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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